

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to an amendment filed 7/26/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-31.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 05 April 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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Reasons for Allowance

1. Claims 1-31 are allowed as the prior art does not teach or suggest the applicant's invention. Claim 1 teaches a transducing head positioning system. The distinguishing element of the claim is an electrostatic motor formed on a slider wherein the electrostatic motor is used to position a transducing head above a selected data track on the patterned storage media. Independent claim 10 teaches an electrostatic slider positioning system. The distinguishing element of the claim is a slider including a plurality of electrodes configured to be selectively activated to cause an electrostatic attraction between an electrode and a data track and position the slider at a selected data track. Independent claim 19 teaches a method of controlling the position of a transducing head. The distinguishing element of the claim is moving the transducing head to a desired track on the storage medium by actuating an electrostatic motor formed by the plurality of electrodes on the slider and tracks on the patterned electronic storage medium. Independent claim 24 teaches a transducing head positioning system. The distinguishing element of the claim is an electrostatic motor comprising a plurality of electrodes located on a media opposing surface of the slider, wherein a width of the electrodes is about equal to a width of the raised tracks on the patterned storage media, and wherein the electrostatic motor is used to position a transducing head above a selected data track on the patterned storage media. Independent claim 27 teaches an electrostatic transducer positioning system. The distinguishing element of the claim is a transducer comprising a plurality of electrodes which form an electrostatic motor together with the plurality of data tracks, the plurality of electrodes comprising a first phase electrode, a second phase electrode, and a third phase electrode which can be selectively activated to cause an electrostatic attraction between an electrode and a data

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track. Independent claim 29 teaches a method of controlling the position of a transducer. The distinguishing element of the claim is where a transducer includes a plurality of electrodes on a media opposing surface, and moving the transducer to a desired data track on the media by applying a voltage to at least one of the plurality of electrodes to create an electrostatic attraction between the electrode and a data track on the media.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mitchell R Slavitt whose telephone number is (703) 305-2809. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30-4:00), 2nd Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David R Hudspeth can be reached on (703) 308-4825. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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